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-- STUDY GROUP SESSION IN BANGKOK

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1. MISSION APPRECIATES HELPFUL REPORT ON OUTCOME OF
MAY 17-19 SESSION OF EC-ASEAN JOINT STUDY GROUP (REFTEL).
MAY 30 CONVERSATION BETWEEN MISSION OFFICER AND EC COM-
MISSION DG-I (EXTERNAL RELATIONS) OFFICIAL WHO ATTENDED
SESSION PRODUCED THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.
UNDER AGENDA ITEM 6 THE TWO SIDES DISCUSSED DEVELOPMENT
COOPERATION POSSIBILITIES. THE EC EXPLAINED THAT UNDER
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ITS PROGRAM OF AID TO THE NON-ASSOCIATED STATES 3-4
MILLION UNITS OF ACCOUNT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE DURING
1978 FOR ASEAN REGIONAL PROJECTS. (1 UNIT OF ACCOUNT
APPROX. \$1.22.) IN THE PAST, COMMUNITY HAS ONLY PRO-
VIDED ASSISTANCE TO CERTAIN ASIAN REGIONAL RESEARCH
INSTITUTES (SUCH AS IRRI IN THE PHILIPPINES) AND TO THE
ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK. HOWEVER, WITH THE GOAL OF

FOSTERING GREATER REGIONAL INTEGRATION, SPECIFICALLY AMONG THE ASEAN STATES, IN BANGKOK THE EC SIDE INDICATED THAT UNDER THE 1978 AID PROGRAM, IT WOULD CONSIDER SOUND PROPOSALS FOR ASEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES. FISHERIES, POST-HARVEST GRAIN STORAGE AND TIMBER EXPLOITATION AND PROCESSING PROJECTS WERE REPORTEDLY SUGGESTED BY THE ASEAN GROUP IN THIS CONTEXT.

2. OUR COMMISSION SOURCE ALSO INDICATED THAT ASEAN INTENDS TO PREPARE A PROPOSAL FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE COMMUNITY FOR ESTABLISHING AN EC-ASEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND. EARLIER, THE EC HAD MADE IT CLEAR THAT, WITH REGARD TO EC ASSISTANCE FOR REGIONAL INTEGRATION, A STRUCTURE OR INSTITUTION WOULD BE NEEDED ON THE ASEAN SIDE TO HELP PREPARE, COORDINATE AND IMPLEMENT EVENTUAL PROJECTS ON THE REGIONAL LEVEL. COMMISSION OFFICIAL NOTED WHILE SUCH A REGIONAL AUTHORITY, WHETHER AS PART OF ASEAN SECRETARIAT OR INDEPENDENT THEREFROM, COULD BE VIEWED AS A SKELETON OF A POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT ADDITIONAL EC MONEY WOULD BE ALLOCATED TO ASEAN DEVELOPMENT IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. MORE LIKELY, THE COMMUNITY WILL ATTRIBUTE EXISTING AID (UNDER THE COMMUNITY'S PROGRAM OF ASSISTANCE TO THE NON-ASSOCIATED STATES) TO ANY NEW "FUND" OR POOLING ARRANGEMENT. HOWEVER, ANY DECISION ON THIS QUESTION WILL PROBABLY BE POSTPONED UNTIL THE EC-ASEAN MINISTERIAL SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER. COMMISSION SOURCE UNDERLINED THAT THE ASEAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SIDE HAS YET TO TRANSMIT A FORMAL PAPER SPELLING OUT ITS IDEAS ON A DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE EC.

3. IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION BETWEEN A MISSION OFFICER AND AN EC PERMREP OFFICIAL, WE RECEIVED A REPORT ON THE COMMISSION'S DEBRIEFING AT THE WORKING LEVEL IN COREPER ON THE JOINT STUDY GROUP SESSION. WHILE THE FORTHCOMING EC-ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING REPORTEDLY WAS NOT DISCUSSED IN DEPTH BY THE TWO SIDES IN BANGKOK, COMMISSION OFFICIALS BRIEFED EC PERMREP OFFICIALS ON CONVERSATIONS HELD ON THE MARGIN OF THE STUDY GROUP REGARDING A POSSIBLE AGENDA FOR THE NOVEMBER MINISTERIAL. ON THE BASIS OF THESE EXPLORATORY DISCUSSIONS WITH THEIR ASEAN COUNTERPARTS, COMMISSION OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS TO COREPER:

(A) PROMOTION OF EC INVESTMENT IN THE ASEAN AREA, INCLUDING DISCUSSION OF THE FEBRUARY 1979 INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION CONFERENCE IN JAKARTA, AND THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY POLICY ON INVESTMENT PROTECTION AND GUARANTEES COVERING PRIVATE MINERAL INVESTMENT IN THE THIRD WORLD (REF B);
(B) PROPOSED ASEAN INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS AGREED AT THE BALI SUMMIT. (EC SIDE MAY CONSIDER SPONSORING FEASIBILITY

STUDIES ON ONE OR MORE OF THESE PROJECTS.);

(C) RAW MATERIALS, INCLUDING ASEAN REQUEST FOR A REGIONAL STABEX ARRANGEMENT. (THE EC SIDE REPORTEDLY WILL SAY "NO" ONCE AGAIN IF THIS ITEM COMES UP AT THE NOVEMBER MINISTERIAL--REF C.);

(D) TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. (THE EC SIDE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS LINKED TO ON-GOING TRADE PROMOTION EFFORTS IN ORDER TO SELL MORE EUROPEAN HIGH TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.);

(E) TRAINING, INCLUDING DETAILING OF ASEAN OFFICIALS TO EC HEADQUARTERS IN BRUSSELS, AND GREATER USE OF ASEAN WORKERS IN PRIVATE INDUSTRY IN EUROPE;

(F) DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION, INCLUDING FINANCING OF ASEAN REGIONAL PROJECTS BY THE COMMUNITY (AS NOTED IN PARA 1 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ABOVE);

(G) TRADE PROMOTION, CONTINUATION OF THE PRESENT PROGRAM
FINANCED BY THE COMMUNITY; AND

(H) SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE.

4. OUR PERMREP SOURCE TELLS US THAT THE REACTION OF MEMBER
STATE DELEGATIONS TO THE PRECEDING LIST WAS ON THE WHOLE
POSITIVE, ALTHOUGH CONCERN WAS REGISTERED THAT THE COM-
MISSION'S SUGGESTIONS WERE TOO ABBREVIATED AND SKELETAL
IN FORM. WE UNDERSTAND THAT IN 2 TO 3 WEEKS A COMMISSION
REPORT WILL BE PREPARED FOR REVIEW BY COREPER AND THIS
REPORT WILL THEN BE DISCUSSED AT THE SECOND EC-ASEAN
AMBASSADORIAL MEETING TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR JULY.
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